

## Message Text

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ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 SS-15 SP-02 PM-05 CIAE-00  
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O 222125Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 9914  
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HQ MAC SCOOT AFB IL IMMEDIATE  
MACE RAMSTEIN AB GE IMMEDIATE  
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S E C R E T KINSHASA 5203

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, CG  
SUBJECT: SHABA ATTACK - ADDITIONAL REQUEST FOR AIRLIFT ASSISTANCE

REF: A) USCINCUEUR ECJ3-BS STTREP 8441/221146Z MAY 78; B) 21 AF/  
CAT 221820Z

1. REF A DIRECTS ROLL-UP OF ZAIRE US C-141 OPERATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

KINSHASA 2 C-141 23 MAY - ALCE TO RHEINMAIN AND CONUS  
KAMINA 4 C-141 23 MAY - ALCE & SATCOM TO RHEINMAIN  
2 C141 R-14 TO BITBURG

2. REF C DIRECTS LUBUMBASHI ALCE TO REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL KAMINA  
ALCE OPERATIONS ARE TERMINATED.

3. BELGIANS HAVE DECIDED TO LEAVE 1 BATTALION OF TROOPS AND  
SEVERAL C130S AT KAMINA FOR A EXTENDED PERIOD. THEY HAVE REQUESTED  
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THRU CHIEF ZAMISH CONTINUED POL SUPPORT AT KAMINA.

4. REGARDLESS OF REQUIREMENTS GENERATED BY GOB ACTION DESCRIBED  
IN PARA 3, GEN. BABIA ALSO REQUESTS USG TO CONTINUE AIRLIFT/  
POL SUPPORT AND ACCORDIGLY IS ASKING GOB FOR USE OF POL IN  
THE R-14 SYSTEM AT KAMINA THAT IS EXCESS TO BELGIAN NEEDS,  
AND REQUESTS CONTINUED "BLADDER BIRD" AND R-14 OPERATION TO

SUPPORT GOB, GOF, AND GOZ TATICS/AIRLIFT OPERATIONS IN THE SHABA  
AREA.  
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